

SAVES BURNING SHIP BY WAR STUNT

Steamer Forced at Top Speed and Careened With Rudder, Sloshing Water Against Blazing Sides

104 FRENZIED PASSENGERS ATTEMPT TO JUMP INTO THE SEA

STEAMER POTOMAC BURSTS INTO FLAMES OFF COAST OF HOLLAND AT DREAD HOUR OF MIDNIGHT

Fear-Stricken Stokers Forced by Armed Officers Into Blazing Boiler Room to Keep Up Steam.

MEN HUNG OVER SIDES TO FIGHT FLAMES THROUGH THE PORT HOLES

Daring Feat Finally Brings Vessel Across Atlantic to New York Under Its Own Steam.

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, March 18.—A thrilling tale of fire at sea, with 104 panic-stricken men and women locked in their staterooms and stokers held at their posts under the threat of drawn pistols, as related by passengers of the United States liner Potomac when she arrived here today from Bremen.

It was a tale of Yankee pluck and ingenuity—of a skipper's refusal to give up his ship until every hope had been abandoned, and of his acceptance of the "thousand to one chance" which tried a threatening catastrophe into a merely harrowing experience for those aboard.

Broke at Midnight.
The fire was discovered at midnight, about 2, a few hours after the Potomac, with Capt. William McLeod in charge, sailed from Bremen on the way to Holland into the North sea.

It had been steaming along on a calm sea when suddenly, with howls warning, the Spanish and Philippine stokers bounded from the hold and stood for the life boats.

Officers, with revolvers, ordered them back to the fire room, which had become an inferno of smoke, with flames billowing from an adjoining compartment where mattresses, life preservers and ships stores had mysteriously taken fire.

Guard Boiler Room.
A dread cry of "fire" spread quickly through the ship. The 104 passengers broke from their staterooms and ran for the life boats. Captain McLeod sent stewards to herd them back to prevent the frenzied ones from being overboard.

Let Engineer E. M. Garland alone had placed guards over the boiler room crews, and with streams of water from the fire hoses, the flames were kept from spreading.

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Immediately the flames subsided, and at 1 p. m., 16 hours after the alarm was sounded, the fire was under control and the vessel resumed her voyage.

Engineer Overcome.
Chief Engineer Garland was overcome by heat and fumes in the last hour of the fight, and was under the care of the ship's surgeon for several days, according to passengers who narrated the tale. Richard Albrecht, chief officer, and a seaman were slightly injured.

The Potomac still had about 30 tons of water on board, when, with a list to port, she steamed in today.

CHILDREN USE TINY WAR SHELLS TO BOMB SCHOOL DURING RECESS

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, March 18.—A tiny toy "bomb" selling for a penny was the latest plaything of Brooklyn school children until today when a policeman seized 1,600 of them in the store patronized by the children.

Teachers complained of the noise the glass tubes made when popped during recess and reported the exploding chemicals caused the children's eyes to smart.

It was said the little tubes were used by overseas troops during the war to purify drinking water.

PLOT TO DYNAMITE RAILWAY PROPERTY

Two Men Caught Red-Handed. Town of 4,000 and Ammunition Depot Threatened.

(By The Associated Press)
PORTSMOUTH, Va., March 18.—A plot with wide ramifications to blow up bridges and property and cripple service of the Virginia Railway and Power company, operating street car lines in this city and vicinity, has been uncovered by Norfolk police.

W. J. Cox, a motorman formerly employed by the company, was arrested this afternoon in connection with the attempt last night to blow up the bridge. Another former employee, W. P. Callaway, was arrested on the scene of the attempt by officers who had maintained a five day and night watch.

Callaway and Cox, according to the police, had tampered two sticks of dynamite into holes bored in the foundations of the bridge and had attached fuses, when they were surprised. The former was overpowered by the officers while the latter made his escape by fleeing into swamps bordering the company lines.

County police expect to arrest others within twenty-four hours.

One charge of dynamite, officers declared, was planted within eighteen inches of the water main supplying Craddock, a community of 4,000 people, and the federal government's ammunition depot at St. Julien's creek, and would have destroyed, they said, the high tension wires supplying those two places.

(By The Associated Press)
RALEIGH, N. C., March 18.—Taxing units in North Carolina will collect virtually one million dollars more in ad valorem and franchise tax yearly from railroads doing business in the state, as the result of a unanimous opinion handed down today by three federal judges denying the railroad application for an interlocutory injunction against collection of state taxes.

The railroads involved were the South Atlantic and Seaboard, Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern.

ENEMY ALIENS WILL GET WAR INSURANCE

Persons Who Served United States During War Are Entitled to Benefits.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Enemy aliens who served the United States during the world war are entitled to the benefits of the war risk insurance act under a recent interpretation of the act by the Veterans' bureau, according to instructions issued today by Director Forbes.

"According to this decision," Director Forbes said, "any claimant who is an enemy alien and who volunteered or was drafted in the army, navy or marine corps and who was not discharged from the service on his own application or solicitation by reason of being an enemy alien, and whose service was honest and faithful, shall be entitled to the benefits of the war risk insurance act."

GEDDES ATTACKED IN HEATED DISCUSSION ON PACIFIC TREATY

Shields Charges British Ambassador With Influencing the Californians.

PREDICT FINAL VOTE ON PACT NEXT FRIDAY

Robinson Starts Oratorical Field Day With Demand Against Secret Diplomacy.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The whole field controversy centering about the arms conference was reviewed anew in the Senate today during an all day debate on the four power Pacific treaty.

For the first time since early in the week the treaty's supporters joined battle directly with its irreconcilable opponents, and a score of senators and fully as many issues of the treaty fight were drawn into the running cross fire of argument.

Pledge Against Secrecy
Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, started the field day of oratory with a speech supporting his amendment to pledge the four signatory powers against secret diplomacy. Senator Johnson, republican, California, asked why the Franco-Japanese alliance as well as the Anglo-Japanese alliance had not been terminated by the four power pact.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, joined in with an assault on the Shantung settlement as an example of the sort of diplomacy with which he said the United States should not associate itself.

The manner in which the treaty was negotiated, the charge that insufficient information had been supplied the Senate, and the failure to include outside powers in the Pacific conference involving their interests all were among the questions debated.

SAYS REPUBLICANS EXPECT VINDICATION

Senator Jones Says Gordian Snarl Made by Democrats Has Been Unraveled.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Confirmation by the people next November of the "verdict of the last election" was predicted by Senator Jones, republican, Washington, in a speech today in which he asserted that the work which his party had been able to accomplish was done despite the heritage of the last administration and persistent democratic obstructionist tactics.

"The American people, in reaching a conclusion as to how they will vote next November," Senator Jones asserted, "will take into account not only what we have done and the conditions under which we have done it, but also the results of the five years of the democratic administration under Woodrow Wilson."

Senator Jones told the senate that the republicans, once they were able to function in congress without the certainty of a presidential veto, had been compelled to untangle and unravel "the maze wrought by eight years of democratic control."

WIRELESS MUSIC TO REPLACE ORCHESTRA

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 18.—B. E. Burt, manager of a local theatre, announced that music by wireless telegraph soon would be provided patrons of his theatre as a substitute for the regular orchestra. A wireless receiving station, capable of receiving music from Denver, Chicago and Pittsburgh, is being installed.

POLICE PROTECTION FOR NEGRO BULLOCK

TORONTO, March 18.—Rev. William E. Guy, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church, today arranged for adequate police protection for Matthew Bullock, negro, whom Canada refused to turn over to the authorities of Norfolk, N. C., for prosecution on a charge of attempted murder in connection with a race riot.

SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND UNION MINERS MAY QUIT WORK APRIL 1. PLANS ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY

General Strike Is Also Proclaimed in All Italy; African Strike Is Settled.

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, March 18.—Six hundred thousand union miners in the anthracite and bituminous fields will quit work April 1, unless some unforeseen solution of the present wage controversy is offered in the meantime, John L. Lewis, president of the international organization of United Mine Workers, announced today.

Plans for evacuation of the mines already are under way, Mr. Lewis said. In the event of a walkout, mine crews will remain at their posts to prevent flooding of the mines.

Final orders of withdrawal will be issued by the general policies committee at Cleveland or Chicago, probably next week, it was said, effective in case operators and miners fail to arrange a new working contract.

The order to suspend operations in the anthracite field April 1 already has been issued by the miners' general wage council, in session at Shamokin, Pa. An arbitration committee of eight, composed of operators and miners, will meet here Tuesday to discuss a new wage scale for this field.

Italian Strike General.
ROME, March 18.—A general strike was proclaimed today in all the ports of the Italian kingdom as an act of support to the port workers at Naples, who declared a 24-hour strike this morning. The strike at Naples was precipitated by the refusal of the workers to allow non-union members to be employed on the docks.

Settle African Trouble.
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, March 18.—The mine strike, which has lasted for 67 days, will end at midnight, tonight, the order for its cessation having been confirmed by all the unions concerned. The mine workers' union, representing 21,000 men, led the way by opposing the proposed plan of a ballot among the men as being impracticable, passing a resolution disassociating itself completely from the "revolutionary movement" and repudiating it.

Premier Smuts has appealed to the employers to show generosity in re-engaging the men in order to diminish the number of unemployed.

WASHINGTON LETTERS FOUND IN ST. PAUL

(By The Associated Press)
ST. PAUL, Minn., March 18.—Official and private correspondence of George Washington, relating to the opening of a water route between the colonies and the western country, reported lost in the early part of the nineteenth century, has been found in the files of the Minnesota historical society, it was learned today. Officials of the society are at a loss to explain how the collection found its way into the file. It contains about 40 manuscripts.

The last recorded owner was John Mason, secretary of the navy shortly after Washington's death.

CENT A MILE RATE FOR CONFEDERATE VETERANS

(By The Associated Press)
MEMPHIS, March 18.—Announcement that the United Confederate Veterans will still be allowed the old rate of a cent a mile to and from the annual reunion in Richmond, Va., was made by railroad officials here today. The Southern Passenger Association at a meeting in St. Augustine last month announced that the reunion rate this year would be one fare for the round trip. This announcement raised a storm of protests from the veterans.

RACER IS KILLED WHEN AUTO SKIDS

Willis Wilds Loses Control of Machine on Greensboro Track and Is Thrown to Ground.

(By The Associated Press)
GREENSBORO, N. C., March 18.—Willis Wilds, automobile racer, driver of Columbia, S. C., was fatally injured here late today when a machine which he was driving in the Greensboro automobile races turned over on the tracks at the Central Carolina Fair Grounds. He died two hours later at a local hospital. Ernest Brown, mechanic for Wilds, escaped with slight injuries.

Wilds was completing the first lap of a ten mile race when the accident happened.

BONUS MUDDLE SHUNTED BACK TO PRESIDENT

Mondell Requests a Conference Immediately on His Return From Florida Vacation.

WANTS IDEAS ON BANK LOAN IN LIEU OF CASH

Harding Party Is on Its Way Home and Is Due in Washington Sunday Afternoon.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The soldiers' bonus muddle is to be referred to President Harding again.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the republican house leader, announced today that he requested a conference with the executive for tomorrow evening after the return of Mr. Harding from Florida. He said he would be accompanied to the White House by other members of the house handling the bonus legislation.

Mr. Mondell, it was reported, will seek to obtain the president's views on the compromise bill with its bank loan provision in lieu of a cash bonus, as well as his opinion as to whether the measure should be called up Monday under a suspension of the rules, as most houses leaders desire.

May Block Amendments.
Mr. Mondell's announcement followed a conference between Speaker Gillett and republican house leaders. Mr. Gillett announced afterwards that he would not make up his mind before Monday morning as to whether he would entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Such a motion would block all amendments and also prevent a motion to recommit the bill with instructions to the ways and means committee.

No Definite Conclusion.
The conference in the speaker's office lasted for more than an hour and was behind closed doors. Mr. Mondell was delegated as official spokesman and made this statement:

"We discussed the question of the bonus in all its phases, fully, freely, and good naturedly, but did not reach any definite conclusion or make any definite arrangement."

Representative Kitchen of North Carolina, the democratic house leader, who appeared unexpectedly at the capitol yesterday for the first time in nearly a year, and other democrats were writing a report opposing the bank loan provision.

On Way Home.
ON BOARD PRESIDENT HARDING'S TRAIN, JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 18.—The vacation trip of President Harding was ended today, and tonight the chief executive and Mrs. Harding were en route to Washington, where their special train is due tomorrow afternoon.

The president was in a jovial mood as he boarded the train at St. Augustine. J. Leon Prior, who turned his automobile over to the president during his stay in St. Augustine, had a son born to him yesterday and today Mrs. Harding sent flowers to the hospital for Mrs. Prior.

Others aboard the train are Secretary and Mrs. Weeks, Attorney General Daugherty, Under Secretary of State Fletcher, Brigadier General Sawyer and Secretary Christian.

STILL BUSY WITH JURY FOR ARBUCKLE'S TRIAL

(By The Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The closing of the first week in the third trial of a manslaughter charge against Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle today found court and counsel still busy with the task of jury selection. The regular jury was finally selected and sworn Thursday, but the choosing of two alternates not only necessitated the examination of a number of other tallesemen, but exhausted the panel of 65 which had been called.

MILWAUKEE BLIND MAN ATTACKED WITH KNIFE

(By The Associated Press)
MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 18.—Mr. A. Bell, Milwaukee, vice president of the Badger State Advancement Association for the Blind, was the victim of an attempted assassination in the corridor of a downtown office building this afternoon. The assailant attempted to stab him to death with a stiletto.